

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Kindly replace the paragraph beginning at page 56 line 2 with the following paragraph:

This invention relates to a method for forming antimicrobial lenses comprising silver and a ligand monomer comprising;

- (a) curing a reactive monomer mixture comprising at least one lens forming component and at least one ligand monomer under conditions sufficient to provide a reactivity ratio of the ligand monomer to at least one major lens forming component of at least about 0.45; and
- (b) treating ~~said~~ the lens with a silver solution to form an antimicrobial lens comprising silver in an amount which is at least about 80% of target silver concentration.